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Honorable James H. Welsh  
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Post Office Box 44275  
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Bain Sand, Reservoir C, BEAR CREEK FIELD,  
Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO E&P COMPANY, L.P. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Bain Sand, Reservoir C, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Bain Sand, Reservoir C, such unit being designated BAIN RC SUD and being shown on the attached plat.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed additional unit with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate applicant as Operator of the proposed additional unit.
4. To designate the El Paso--Culbertson 32 No. 1 Well, located as shown on the attached plat, as the unit well for the proposed additional unit.
5. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-J-2, effective October 3, 2000, as supplemented and amended by the Order No. 78-J series of Orders, to the proposed additional unit.
6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Bain Sand, Reservoir C.

The Bain Sand, Reservoir C, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-J-2, effective October 3, 2000, and was further defined in Order No. 78-J-3, effective June 17, 2003.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-

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7216. Any person desiring to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

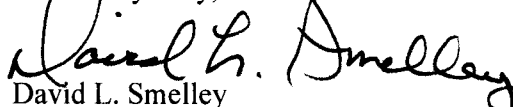
By letter dated February 6, 2007, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and a pre-application conference with respect to Applicant's proposals was tentatively scheduled for February 28, 2007. No request for the pre-application conference was received within ten (10) days after the date of the pre-application notice; therefore, no conference will be held.

Attached hereto is a plat showing the proposed unit (which is identical to the plat attached to the pre-application notice). Also attached hereto is a list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list is being forwarded only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation. A copy of the list will be furnished by the undersigned to any party so requesting. A reasonable effort was made to obtain a complete list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bear Creek Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose our check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Yours very truly,



David L. Smelley

Attorney for El Paso E&P Company, L.P.

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)  
Ms. Sheridan Jones (w/encls.)  
Ms. Nancy Fractor (w/encls.)  
Mr. David McDonald (w/encls.)  
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)  
Interested Owners, Represented Parties  
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plat only)

